

I am writing to urge you in the stongest possible terms NOT to permit yet greater consolidation of broadcast and other media. The media is critical to the functioning of our democracy. Our democracy depends on an informed citizenry. In order make informed judgments, it is critical that citizens hear different points of view. This will not happen when media outlets are owned by only a few corporations. To the contrary, large corporations have shown themselves quite willing to actively suppress information, such as information about the potential action this e-mail addresses, when it suits their political agenda. We need as great a diversity of media options as possible. Consolidation is fundamentally anti-democratic. The airwaves are a PUBLIC resource. The airwaves should be regulated in a way that benefits the public, not just a few large corporations. I beseech you not to vote to permit further concentration of this essential public resource.